

Community School District were reorganized as the West Bend-Mallard Community School District, pursuant to chapter 275; and

WHEREAS, section 257.18 provides that if school districts involved in a school reorganization under chapter 275 have approved an instructional support program, and registered voters have not voted upon the question of participation in the program in the reorganized district, the instructional support program in effect for the reorganized school district shall be the instructional support program that has been approved for the least amount and the shortest time in any of the districts; and

WHEREAS, funding for the instructional support program continued after July 1, 1995, the effective date of the reorganization of the West Bend-Mallard Community School District, and moneys were paid to the reorganized school district as instructional support state aid and were received from local funding using a combination of an instructional support property tax and an instructional support income surtax as provided in section 257.19; and

WHEREAS, the West Bend-Mallard Community School District has continued to participate in the instructional support program after June 30, 1999, the date when the instructional support program originally approved by the West Bend Community School District Board was no longer effective; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2000, the registered voters of the West Bend-Mallard Community School District approved the district's participation in the instructional support program in compliance with section 257.18 commencing July 1, 2001; NOW THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. All acts and proceedings relating to the instructional support program for the West Bend-Mallard Community School District, due to the failure to approve an instructional support program as provided in section 257.18 beginning on July 1, 1999, and ending on June 30, 2001, are legalized, validated, and confirmed.

For purposes of this section, an act or proceeding includes but is not limited to all of the following:

1. The failure of the district's board of directors to adopt a resolution to participate in an instructional support program or the failure of registered voters in the district to approve an instructional support program as provided in section 257.18.

2. The assessment, imposition, collection, receipt, deposit, and expenditure of state and local moneys used to fund the instructional support program as provided in chapter 257.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATES. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment and is retroactively applicable to July 1, 1999.

Approved April 18, 2001

CHAPTER 49

REAL ESTATE APPRAISER REGULATION

H.F. 400

AN ACT relating to the regulation of real estate appraisers.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 543D.2, subsection 4, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

4. "Appraisal report" means any ~~written~~ communication of an appraisal.

Sec. 2. Section 543D.14, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

543D.14 CERTIFICATE.

A certificate issued under this chapter shall bear the ~~signatures~~ signature or facsimile ~~signatures~~ signature of the ~~member or~~ members of the board as designated by the board and a certificate number assigned by the board.

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CHAPTER 50

ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY ELECTION PRECINCTS

H.F. 481

AN ACT relating to the establishment of city precincts and providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 49.5, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

49.5 CITY PRECINCTS.

The council of a city where establishment of more than one precinct is necessary or deemed advisable shall at the time required by law, divide the city into the number of election precincts as will best serve the convenience of the voters while promoting electoral efficiency. As used in this section, the term “the convenience of the voters” refers to, but is not necessarily limited to, the use of precinct boundaries which can be readily described to and identified by voters and for which there is ease of access by voters to their respective precinct polling places by reasonably direct routes of travel. As used in this section, the term “promoting electoral efficiency” means reducing the cost of staffing election precincts by requiring cities to avoid creating more precincts than is reasonably necessary to provide voters access to voting.

The precinct boundaries shall conform to section 49.3 and shall be described in an ordinance adopted by the council within the time required by section 49.7. Before final adoption of any change in election precinct boundaries pursuant to this section or section 49.6, the council shall permit the commissioner not less than seven and not more than ten days time to offer written comments to the council on the proposed reprecincting. If the commissioner recommends changes in the proposed reprecincting which the commissioner concludes could better serve the convenience of the voters or could promote electoral efficiency, including lowering election costs, the council shall, if no changes to the reprecincting are made, include reasons in the ordinance for not adopting the proposed changes of the commissioner. A public hearing shall be held before final adoption of the ordinance. Notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing shall be given as provided in chapter 21.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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